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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT July 16, 2012

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• TOWN COMMITTEES

Currently there are still (2) openings on the Conservation Commission, (1) on the Capital Planning Committee, (1) Advisory Board, (1) Board of Assessors, and (2) on the Historical Commission. These are listed on the Town's website under Volunteer Opportunities.

WATER TANK

Gardner Hill

Repairs Contracts have been signed work to begin this week.

Repairs are scheduled to go thru November.

FY 12 BUDGET

FY12 Budget has been closed out. Great job was done by all departments to stay within budget guidelines.

PARK RESOLUTION

Town Counsel determined that the Parks and Recreation Committee has the ability to set rules and regulations for parks under their control.

STRATEGIC PLAN

A draft of a 5 year financial plan which includes revenues, expenses, and capital plan, has been completed for the Board to review.

• TOWN BUILDINGS

Working with Town Counsel to generate RFP for the sale of the South Station building. There will be a minimum bid requirement on property.

VMS Building Use Committee has requested an estimate on the cost to demolish the VMS building. Ed Schlott has been in contact with a vendor to do so.

• DPW

Land at the corner of Platts and Williams Roads taking, through an action of eminent domain, has begun. Title search is being executed. The agreed upon price is \$195,000 for the 41 acres. Town meeting voted \$210,000.

• FINANCIAL REVIEW

Tammy, Paul and I had a conference call last Monday with Moody's. The results were a satisfying MIG 1 for the temporary loans and an overall A1 bond rating. This is the same as we currently hold. The major reason for not getting a better rating was due to the increasing amount of debt the town is taking on while tax base remained relatively level.

• <u>IT</u>

Fiber project started this week and will begin at PSB, and go to DPW, Town Hall, and Library.

SEXUAL OFFENDER BYLAW

Recently Hubbardston passed a bylaw to incorporate "The Sex offender in Child Safety Zone". I have attached the article which was a citizen's petition for your review. I am also awaiting one that was also recently passed in Barre.

VACATION

I will be out 7/30 thru 8/3. Sylvia will be in charge in my absence and I will be available by phone.